

A new concept of defence

by Kim Fedor

According to internationally acclaimed military historian, Gwynne Dyer, Canada should abandon NATO and assume neutral status. This will be one of the central topics in his lecture *Forging a New Defence Policy*, tonight in the FDA auditorium.

In an interview with the Daily last week, Dyer said the threat of nuclear war re-defines the role of defence. "In a nuclear war we are gone — our previous defence policy is irrelevant," he said. Governments must now focus on reducing the risk of war.

"In our view," he said, "pulling out of the alliances (NATO), with a deliberate intention to stimulate others to think in the same direction, is one of the ways that we make war less likely."

Dyer's talk will reflect his work on the three-part NFB/CBC series, *The Defence of Canada*, which he co-wrote with series director Tina Viljoen. "We started out with a point of view essentially that Canada's defence policy was most regrettable but we couldn't do much about it. Then, about halfway through, we changed our

minds and came to the conclusion that although it was difficult for Canada to move outside of the alliance structure, it would be both useful to do it and feasible."

Dyer will be discussing both the theoretical and practical aspects of this new defence policy. "You have to examine the kind of mythology by which we tell ourselves that alliances are a good thing. They've organized the world into two polarized blocks and have created a set of perceptions on both sides that the other side is far more dangerous and has far more wicked intentions than it actually does have. Any Canadian defence policy is about making war less likely and not about surviving it. The gradual and careful dismantling of the alliances is indeed what we are on about," he said.

Once Canada withdraws from NATO it would become a neutral country, said Dyer, but being neutral does not mean being disarmed. "The obligation of any neutral country is that you've got to promise your neighbour they are safe from attack across you. To prevent the Americans from being surprised by attacks across our territory, Canadians would need air

surveillance and some interception denial capability, most of which is in place with the NORAD system and the existing aircraft, especially if we brought the extra ones back from Europe."

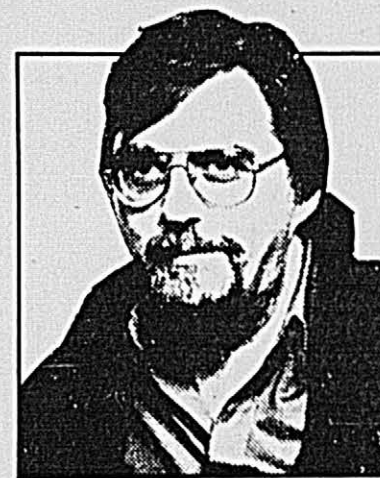
"The idea of Canada leaving NATO and becoming neutral has gained some public acceptance. This idea that was once as crazy as a loon has become a whole lot less alien in public discussion," said Dyer. Most people who oppose neutrality either fear high costs, or a loss of political power.

"I don't think the cost is that much greater than what we spend on defence now," he said. "The present defence budget is ten billion, and I would guess the defence budget for neutral Canada would probably

stay around that figure with it going a little higher in the early years of neutrality."

Dyer dismissed concerns about losing international influence. He said he knows former government officials who say Canada "very rarely gets listened to anyway. You cannot point to a single significant case where Canadian government differed seriously with American government on policy, and the American government changed its mind because of Canadian complaints."

Dyer forecasts neutrality movements within the Warsaw Pact, as well. "There is also this perception in Eastern Europe," he said. "They are not crazy about being in the Warsaw Pact, but they are ambiva-



Gwynne Dyer

lent. If NATO starts to loosen up, they've got more freedom.

"(Neutrality) is this country's responsibility, it is the only thing we can do," he said. Canadians bear this responsibility because we do not suffer "the psychological fear of tanks on our doorstep the next

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McGill clubs get organized

by Shelley Fishbach

McGill's voice in the areas of social justice and political change may become louder this year.

Social action groups on campus recently formed a network to improve communication and combine their efforts in strengthening social

awareness.

The 'Development, Peace and Social Justice Intergroup Liaison Team' was organized by the co-ordinators of McGill's International Peace and Development group, Killian Holland and Mark Gaber. A total of 20 clubs from the South African Committee, to Save

the Children, McGill Employees for Nuclear Disarmament, and the Osler Medical Aid Foundation, have been asked to send representatives to the liaison's weekly meetings.

Holland said that although the groups are diverse and many of their "titles seem restrictive," they have common goals in working for justice and peace in the Third World. And they all share the same concerns about Canada's many levels of involvement in the Third World, such as Canadian military policy. "We have a clear, common message," he said. "We need cooperation, not disaffection or isolation."

"We'll have a much greater impact through our concerted efforts," said Gaber. "If we want to get members of parliament to speak on campus or bring up issues to the Board of Governors we will have more strength and unity."

According to Holland, in previous years many of the events and meetings of the groups overlapped. Although there was a lot of talk about forming an internal communication network, it was never organized. "We took the bull by the horns," said Holland.

"In the past it was really sad," said

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Tenants' association pickets Centraide

by Susanna Bejar

The NDG Neighborhood Association staged a small demonstration outside Centraide/United Way headquarters last week to protest the organization's decision to cut their funding.

The 14 year-old association has "fought for better tenant protection, more affordable housing, and against condo-conversion," read the pamphlets which were passed out by a small group of picketers on October 26.

The 450 members and supporters of the Neighbourhood Association have sent a petition and over 200 letters to Centraide.

"There has always been a problem with the tenant associations getting money," said Ross Stitte, a member of the Neighbourhood Association. "They don't think our 20 volunteers are enough to warrant funding as a group. The government doesn't even consider us a charity. We have been fighting for years to get a charity number with which donations would be tax deductible. In fact, we're in court right now against Revenue Canada. Considering that 80 per cent of Montréal residents are tenants, it's disturbing that so little attention has been given to our cause. In 1986 our budget was cut 40 per cent. Now it is zero."

Jean Lessard, President and Director General of Centraide-Montréal said, "We have a very thorough process before we stop funding any agency. In this particular case, more than three years ago we made an evaluation of this agency's activities and found they weren't doing anything and thought a reorganization was necessary."

According to the NDG association, they provide workshops and counselling on tenants' rights in an effort to better the housing situation. "Maybe years ago they did these things," said Lessard, "but we have seen no activity for at least the last five years."

Among the faults Centraide found with the association were a lack of volunteers, little representation on the Board of Governors, a lack of accountability, and a question as to the legality of the group with respect to certain bylaws on nonprofit organizations.

"We told them that before the first of April, 1986, we would cut funding and that further quarterly payments would be subject to them giving us financial and activity reports. They did submit the reports, but there was nothing in them. On December 3, 1986 we told them in a meeting that we would stop funding them as of March 1, 1987. They had three months in which to make changes, but none were made, and on March 31 funding was terminated."



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Development and Peace Club meeting at 17h00 in Union B09-10.
Black Students' Network meeting to plan Black History Month at 18h00 Union 401.
Central America Group meeting at 17h00 in Union 310.
Women's Union general meeting in Union 423 at 16h30.
United Nations Association meeting in Leacock 420 at 16h30.

Linguistics Department presents Jane Grimshaw, speaking on 'The Theory of External Arguments of Nouns and Verbs' at 16h15 in Bronfman 5023.
McGill Ski Team meeting about ski sale jobs at 16h30 in COTC lounge, Currie Gym.
McGill Squash Club Club Nite with Pizza at 19h00 in Currie Squash Courts.
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Alliance for Non-Violent Action

Alternatives within the movement

by Pierre Tordjman

On November 11, the Alliance for Non-Violent Action (ANVA) will be staging a civil disobedience action in Ottawa outside the Defence Minister's office.

The ANVA activists left Québec City on October 24, and are now walking to Ottawa as part of their 'Long March against War and Misery'. This is the seventh consecutive year that the ANVA has organized such actions. The group's primary demand is the demilitarization of Nitassinan (Inuit name for the Labrador territory), where NATO's forces threaten the ecology of the area and the lifestyle of native Indians.

On October 28, the Alliance organized a joint fund-raising conference with the Disarmament Committee. Ex-FLQ member Pierre Vallières and long time peace activist Philipp Berrigan spoke on peace activism in North America.

There is a "lack of social alternatives within the pacifist movement," said Vallières. "Without radical social changes, peace remains an impossible thing to build. If the Greens in Germany have managed to get an important place in their political scene, it's because they've been able to put forth a counter-society through grass-root organizations."

But in North America, said Vallières, "independently of the will of militants, the main obstacle to social changes lies in the moral and political inertia dominant on our continent."

He gave three possible reasons which would explain the apathy of Québec youth:

- The demoralizing effect of the failed independence movement.
- Many of the 60s radicals are now well established and don't push today's youth towards "radical social changes," as they once did.
- Today's youth tends to be "dehistoricized," mainly due to an inadequate educational system.

Philipp Berrigan's presentation was demoralizing. Although he urged people to demonstrate by peaceful means "against U.S. imperialism," he seemed to refer mainly to biblical sources as the reasons they should rise against "the evils of capitalism... which have turned our lives into commodities."

He also defined the nuclear situation not as an East-West problem, but as a North-South one: "Our place in the First World is defined by our nuclear weapons." He noted

that since 1945, the U.S. has threatened Third World countries by nuclear means more than 20 times, whereas such threats have been used against the U.S.S.R. only five times.

He concluded by saying that "Reagan is bought by the .5 percent of American households who own over 30 per cent of America's wealth and use the capitalist system and its nuclear arsenal to ensure that no alternative system may succeed" in the Third World. This leads us to the obvious question, according to Berrigan: "Does the law deserve anything but to be broken?"

by Evelyn Ligale

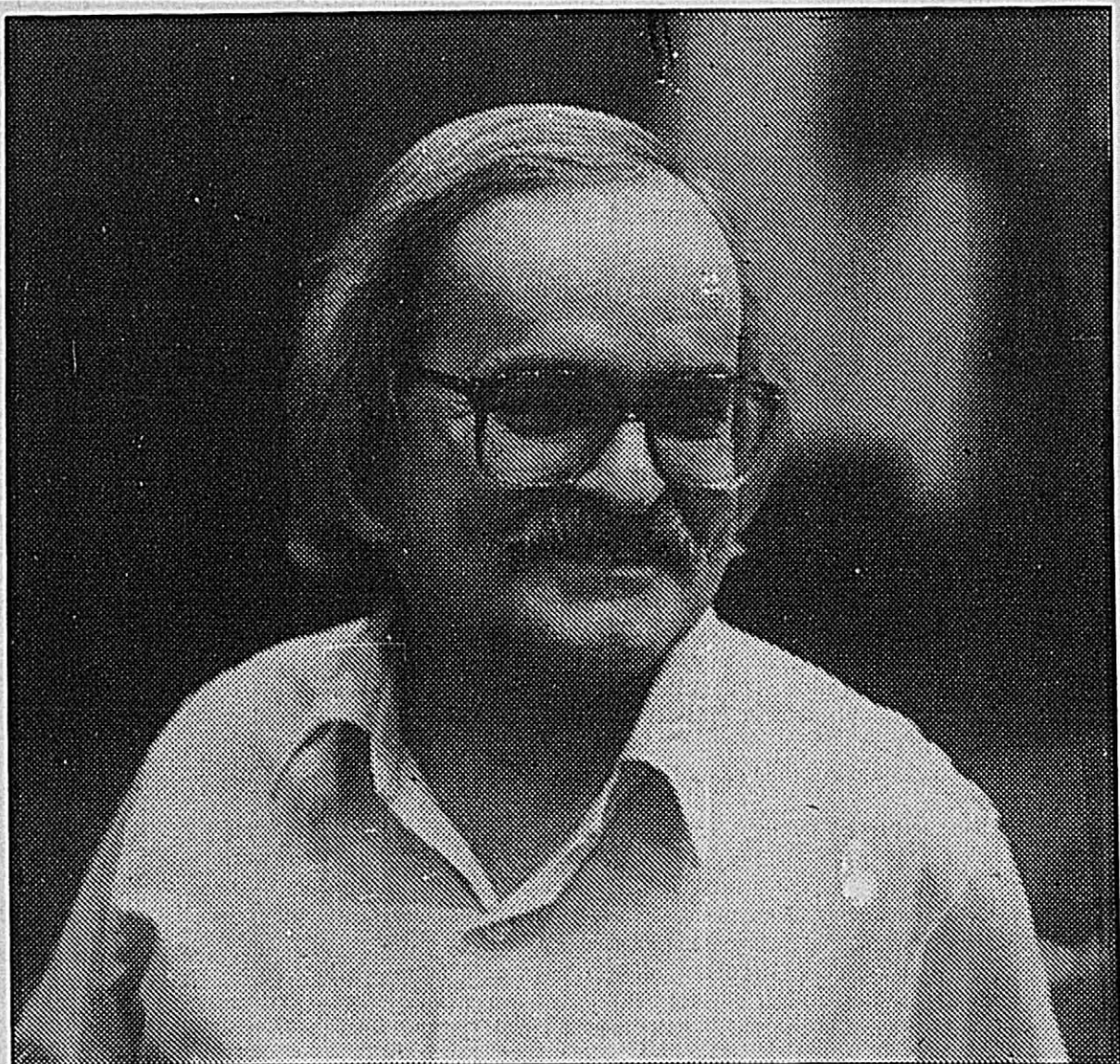
Political science students have been circulating a petition to protest a shortage of feminist courses within the department, and to influence the hiring of two new professors in that field.

Political science is the only department in McGill's Faculty of Arts not offering any feminist courses as part of its regular curriculum. According to Megan Williams, an organizer of the petition, "McGill is the only major university in Canada not offering feminist theory in political science courses."

"We as a group are concerned since feminist thought is an important part of political science," she said, "And to ignore it makes it especially insulting to women. We started the petition to protest this situation and draw attention to the general lack of women's issues in the curriculum."

The petition calls for two courses in feminist theory, one at the 300 level and another at the 400 level. This semester, one 400 level course is being offered and it is uncertain whether it will be available again. The course, 'Feminism and Political Theory,' is taught by Professor Doug Williams, a visiting professor from Ottawa.

Professor Williams supports the call for a permanent course. "The women's movement has been one of the greatest forces in this century and has had an impact on all areas of study. The department has everything to gain and nothing to lose by offering a course in feminist theory on a permanent basis," he said.



Ex-FLQ member Pierre Vallières at recent fund-raiser

Daily Photo—Pierre Tordjman

Students push for feminism course

According to Professor Williams, students' response to his course has been encouraging, but an introductory course would also be valuable. "The fundamentals of the course have been taken for granted despite the students' various academic backgrounds. There is too much work for just one course."

Megan Williams feels that an additional course is imperative. "If

there was an introductory course at the 300 level, students would have a better foundation and some of their misconceptions could be cleared up at this level," she said. A higher level course could then be more theoretical.

The existing course was not included in the Faculty of Arts Calendar, she said. "The course was only indicated on a sheet depicting

changes in the political science department. I'm sure more people would have been willing to take the course, but it didn't get the necessary exposure."

There are two teaching posts currently open in the department, and the students who initiated the petition would like to see one of them filled by a female expert on feminist theory.

...McGill clubs organize

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Jamie Kneen, the liaison representative from Project Ploughshares. "The groups didn't know what anyone was doing or why anyone was doing it. There was no attempt at co-ordinating events."

Now the groups are using a calendar at the Students' Society desk to co-ordinate their activities and the right hand side of the Union building bulletin board to post their notices. On Monday the liaison's first newsletter was published.

Holland said the groups plan to pool their resources, and send joint letters and briefs stating their views to government, business bodies and newspapers. The liaison also plans to organize public debates and forums that will involve McGill staff, MNAs, or MPs.

WUSC representative to the liaison, Angela Chapman, said it was "excellent" that groups could now formulate statements together. But

she said that some of the liaison's resolutions may be "watered down" because groups like Amnesty International have to be careful about making political statements.

Pugwash representative Amie Mooers agreed, saying his organization was apolitical and would have to be cautious about what it chose to endorse. "Some groups have to be more careful with their stands, while other groups can take more action," he said.

Holland said a major goal of the liaison is to get a greater cross-section of McGill students involved in the groups. "We need to make a serious, self-searching analysis of how as a group we are communicating with the student body as a whole," he said.

Club representative to Council, and Students' Society VP Finance, Don Samoil, said he believed the liaison will help clubs get more rec-

ognition from the student body. "By banding together the clubs can take the issues out into campus, to the students, rather than the students coming to them," he said.

Holland hopes the added clout of the liaison will stop the clubs from being "locked into the University." He said the groups need to go into the community to "gain public support for their principles. We're not just social clubs, but social action groups with the same ideals and values of people on the outside."

According to Holland, if the liaison does succeed in getting outside support and coverage of issues, like FAEs, it could create a stir within the University. He said the Administration does not take student protests seriously, but looks upon them like "parents watching children play."

"They love it because we confine ourselves to campus," he said.

"Every trendy political cause is embraced with enthusiasm, even hysteria at debates, symposiums, special lectures, meetings, boycotts and riots."
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Senate can't say cheese

Nobody cracks jokes during McGill Senate meetings.

It's all very serious down there. So serious that they mutter under their breath, their glasses steam, and they can't even say cheese. It would be wonderful to illustrate this seriousness with a nicely exposed photo, but we can't — the rules say "no photographs allowed."

It was a dark and stormy Wednesday afternoon when the *Daily* news team entered into the depths of Leacock 232 to cover a Senate meeting. What was special about this meeting? A representative of the Ad Hoc Committee on Responsible Research was scheduled to speak on the subject of Fuel-Air Explosives research. As he spoke, a photographer from the news team was busily focusing on him. Little did the photographer realize the consequences of the secretary's waving hand in the background of his zoom lens. She ran up to him and told him to put his camera away. Photographs are not allowed in Senate meetings.

Although this may be brushed off as a typical act of a bureaucratic administration, it is still important. There were other journalists in the room and they were all allowed to continue scribbling on their pads and papers. Why were photos excluded?

Perhaps certain fly-by-night Senators wanted their secret identities to remain concealed. That is unlikely, since we know them all anyway, and the writers were quick to copy down their names. Perhaps there were secret documents to be concealed. If tedium is a prerequisite of secrecy, then maybe this is true. But there is nothing tedious about demonstrating against FAEs.

According to the Senate Handbook, photographs are not allowed. Senate Secretary Sheila Sheldon-Colyer did not hold herself responsible. When asked for justification of the rule, she said, "I have no idea, I wasn't around when they wrote the rules."

From the other side, we from the *Daily*, and particularly the photography staff are appalled by this lack of respect for journalism shown by the arbitrary rulings of Senate. Assuming that the Senate is a political body making decisions for the students, this act is equivalent to refusing to recognize the rights of the free press, without any defined justifications. This censorship that occurred seems so ridiculous and arbitrary that it could almost make one assume we live in a state of emergency. After all, the Canadian House of Commons allows photographers and even TV cameras. What makes the McGill Senate so special? Perhaps they should consider this more seriously before assuming their autocratic right to censor at whim. Or else they should come out of their shells, look at a paper and realize that there is such a thing as photo-journalism.

Andrew Fischer for the
Staff of the McGill Daily

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Special Olympics

The McGill School of Physical and Occupational Therapy undergraduate students' society is sponsoring a benefit party this Friday night at 20h00 in the Union Ballroom to raise money for the Québec Special Olympics.

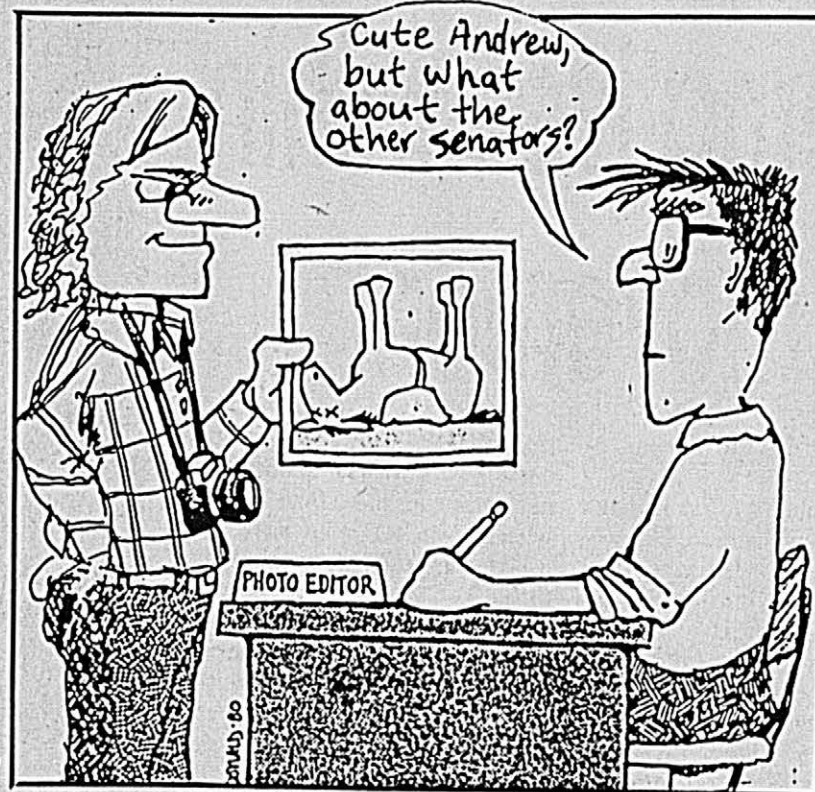
The Special Olympics is a non-profit organization which focuses on developing competitive sport training programmes for individuals possessing intellectual handicaps. It was founded in 1978 by Noella Douglas and it became incorporated in 1981. At that time, only two Québec regions were participating. Presently, 13 out of a total of 17 regions participate, and 8 competitive sports have been developed. Some of the sports programmes offered include swimming, track and field, ten-pin bowling, floor hockey, soccer and cross-country skiing.

Along with teaching the athletes different sports techniques, the Special Olympics programmes teach them social skills to help them integrate further into the community.

The efforts of the athletes are recognized at the end of each season when they meet with athletes from other Québec regions to compete in regional games or tournaments. Some of the athletes even get the opportunity to compete on national or international levels.

This past summer, the International Special Olympics had their opening ceremonies, televised, plus an hour and a half of coverage, a big step towards international awareness of the organization. Also, coming out for the Christmas season is a record of Christmas songs sung by major recording artists, including Sting, U2, and John Mellencamp. Proceeds will go to the Special Olympics Organization.

New recruits and volunteers are always welcome and information about the group will be available at the party.



The Benefit party will be raising money for the four Montréal-area regions — West Island, East Island, Southwest Island, and North Island. The popular Montréal band, Weather Permitting will be playing, with Rude Guru as the opening band.

Come out and support the Special Olympics. It's a great cause, with great bands, and it promises to be a great time.

Kim Ferguson,
Occupational Therapy

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Tools for peace benefit

The people of Nicaragua have made major gains in areas such as health and education, since the Sandinista revolution of 1978. By 1985, 1400 new elementary schools had been built and the literacy rate has since increased from 50 per cent to 87 per cent. Thousands have received land or low interest loans. In political gains, the people elected their first democratic government in November 1984 and have recently ratified a new constitution.

However, many of these gains are being threatened by the Contra war and the American economic embargo. Over 36,000 people have been killed, and 250,000 displaced since the beginning of the war. Health care centres, farming co-ops, and schools are favorite contra targets — 119 health clinics and 550 schools have been destroyed or forced to close.

The Nicaraguan government must now devote over 50 per cent of its budget to fighting the war, which has caused \$3.5 billion in economic losses. The U.S. embargo has resulted in a critical shortage of basic materials, ranging from notebooks to spare parts for essential machinery.

Since 1981, thousands of Canadians have participated in the nationwide Tools for Peace campaign, which gathers and ships material aid to Nicaragua. Notebooks are being collected to help continue Nicaragua's progress in literacy. Rubber boots will be given to women working in agriculture to protect their feet from pesticides. As well, safety gear is being collected to help improve working conditions. Corrugated roofing will be purchased for thousands displaced by the Contra war who are now building new communities. These and other goods, distributed by Tools for Peace volunteers, community organizations, and the Augusto Cesar Sandino foundation, a non-governmental agency, will help improve the lives of thousands of Nicaraguans.

The McGill Central America Group will be holding a benefit supper and concert to help raise funds and to collect donations for this important campaign on Saturday, November 7th at Café Commun/Commune, 201 Milton. A Latin American dinner will be served from 19h00-21h00, followed by a Latin American concert. Donations may be made at the benefit, at CAG tables in the Union building this week, or drop by our office (Union 404). Every contribution, no matter how small, helps the Nicaraguan people lead fuller, happier lives.

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Sans lui, nous sommes tous orphelins

Daniel Guillemette

Né en 1922 à New Carlisle en Gaspésie, René Lévesque s'prend très jeune de la lecture. Son père, avocat de province, rapporte régulièrement de nouveaux bouquins de ses voyages à Québec. Il perd son père durant l'adolescence. A 14 ans, traducteur de nouvelle à la station locale CHNC il remplace l'annonceur tombé malade pendant l'été. Expérience décisive qui le fait travailler à temps partiel à la radio à Québec alors qu'il fait ses études au collège classique puis à l'université Laval. Un des professeurs l'ayant le plus influencé est le frère François Hertel, nationaliste éclairé qui prêche dans le désert à cette époque.

Pendant la guerre il laisse ses études de droit qu'il avait choisies pour plaire à la famille. L'enrolement obligatoire était à la vielle d'être imposé aux Québécois (Pour décider, on fait aux référendum: 72% des québécois votent contre mais au Canada anglais 80% des gens y sont favorables). Lévesque va s'engager comme correspondant de guerre dans l'armée américaine qui, en 1943, recherche des francophones pour traiter de ce qui touche la France. Il séjournera aussi en Autriche et en Allemagne. De retour en 1946 il entre au service de Radio-Canada. Il couvre la guerre de Corée en '52. Puis il anime de 1956 à 1959 l'émission d'information internationale *Point de mire* qui fait de lui une figure connue du public.

En 1959, les 69 jours de grève au réseau français de Radio-Canada le lancent dans le feu de l'action. Il prend la parole devant les assemblées et prend goût pour l'action politique. L'ère de la



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léthargie duplessiste vient de s'achever.

Il se joint au parti Libéral du Québec en 1960 et se fait élire dans la circonscription de Montréal-Laurier. Le révolution tranquille s'amorce. Il est un des plus fougueux ministre du cabinet Lesage, "L'équipe de tonnerre". Lévesque lance l'idée de la nationalisation des compagnies d'électricité, ce qui fait frémir Jean Lesage d'abord. Il rallie le PLQ à son idée et on déclenche des élections avec comme slogan: "Maîtres chez nous" dans le but de faire approuver le projet par le peuple. Les libéraux sont élus, Hydro-Québec est créée. Lévesque redonne confiance à un peuple hab-

itué à se faire tondre comme un troupeau. Il amène ensuite la création de la Société générale de financement (SGF) qui fait de l'état québécois un levier pour aider les Canadiens français. On tente de contrer l'état d'infériorisation de type colonial qui sévit tout particulièrement à Montréal et que l'état fédéral semble trouver naturel.

René Lévesque y va quelquefois de déclarations percutantes pour l'époque, à propos de la confédération: «il faudra penser à reviser si elle continue de jouer contre vous» (citation approximative). M. Lesage se sent un peu embarrassé. Lévesque fait aussi des sorties contre les grands trusts

miniers américains établis au Québec. Il les invite à se «civiliser», faute de quoi, la nationalisation pourrait venir mettre de l'ordre dans leurs affaires. Le premier ministre Lesage a peur, il mute Lévesque au ministère de la Famille et du bien-être social et va rassurer les compagnies minières. En 1963 la première bombe du Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) explose. M. Lévesque désapprouve énergiquement cette approche du problème.

En 1967, en octobre, René Lévesque quitte le parti Libéral après avoir voulu amener un congrès du Parti Libéral à prendre position sur la question de la souveraineté—association. Sa propos-

tion n'est même pas soumise à un vote; il est furieux. Le 18 novembre, il fonde le Mouvement Souveraineté—Association (MSA) auquel se joint le Ralliment national de Gilles Grégoire et plus tard le Rassemblement pour l'indépendance nationale (RIN) qui se saborde à cette fin. M. Lévesque n'appréciait pas du tout le style déridé et révolutionnaire de Bourgault, la jeune leader du RIN et n'aurait probablement pas souhaité une autre forme de fusion avec son parti. Le MSA est maintenant un parti et se cherche un nom. M. Lévesque opte pour «Parti souverainiste» mais c'est «Parti québécois» proposé par Gilles Grégoire, qui l'emporte.

M. Lévesque donne beaucoup de crédibilité à l'idée d'indépendance. Il réussit à tenir ensemble la formidable coalition qu'est le PQ à cette époque. Les défaites électorales de 1970 et de 1973 sont cinglantes en terme de députés péquistes élus mais à l'élection de 1973, 30% de la population a voté pour le PQ et son programme de mise en application de l'indépendance dès l'arrivée au pouvoir. En 1974, un déchaînement terrible secoue le PQ; on adopte la stratégie de l'étapisme pour accéder au pouvoir plus vite. La stratégie mise au point par Claude Morin prévoit qu'un référendum sera tenu sur la question nationale durant le premier mandat.

En 1976, René Lévesque est élu premier ministre du Québec, c'est l'euphorie; dans le camp des péquistes, on se sent tout près du pays pour lequel on a tant travaillé. De grands projets voient le jour pendant le premier mandat: l'assurance automobile, le zonage agricole et la loi sur le financement des partis politiques qui fait du Québec la démocratie la plus avancée d'Amérique du Nord. Et comment oublier la charte de la langue française qui a permis de regagner du terrain face à la langue dominante, loi qui donna pour la première fois le statut de langue nationale du Québec au français, ce qui impliquait sa pénétration dans toutes les sphères d'activités de la société et l'intégration des immigrants à la société francophone.

Le référendum de 1980 sur le mandat de négocier la souveraineté—association est perdu à 60% contre et 40% pour (la moitié des francophones ont voté oui). Quelques mois auparavant, plusieurs sondages avaient donné le oui gagnant. Lévesque est atterré. La campagne de la peur a gagné et Trudeau qui avait promis un illusoire fédéralisme renouvelé, rapatrie la constitution de Londres sans l'accord du Québec, mais avec celui des 9 autres provinces et la complicité du N.P.D. Trudeau insère dans la constitution rapatriée une charte des droits et libertés qui donnera le pouvoir à Alliance-Québec de démolir morceau par morceau la charte de la langue française par la voie des tribunaux.

Entre temps, tous les nationalistes fulminent. Ils ont été trompés.

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Mon pays, ce n'est pas encore un pays

Le 14 novembre 1986, peu après la publication de ses mémoires, René Lévesque était venu nous rencontrer au Daily. Nous republions aujourd'hui, suite à la mort de ce grand patriote, l'entrevue qu'il avait réalisée Anne Campagna avec M. Lévesque et qui avait paru dans le numéro du 19 novembre 1986 du *daily français*.

Anne Campagna

Je l'aurais cru plus grand. Plus arrogant aussi. Et peut-être plus sûr de lui. Il est entré dans le bureau, en s'excusant presque d'être arrivé un peu à l'avance. Il s'est assis, après avoir cherché où il pourrait bien mettre son manteau. Rien, ou presque, ne trahissait ce qu'il avait représenté pour des millions de Québécois(es)... Juste un éclat dans ses yeux, un petit quelque chose qui brillait.

En parlant du peuple québécois, de la Révolution tranquille, de ses années en tant que journaliste de guerre, René Lévesque redevenait celui qui avait bouleversé des millions de Québécois(es), un fameux soir de novembre.

McGill Daily français: Quand avez-vous réalisé que le peuple québécois méritait plus qu'un sort de porteur d'eau?

René Lévesque: Ça vient de très loin. Avant même de faire de la politique, on voyait très bien une sorte d'infériorité, de notre faute dans le fond, car on n'avait pas assez travaillé à l'éducation, on s'était isolé, on n'avait pas pris conscience du potentiel de notre population, on avait gaspillé les ressources humaines de notre population et cela me frappait depuis longtemps. Après la Révolution tranquille, tout le monde s'est rendu compte qu'on avait beaucoup de retard à rattrapper. A partir de là, fondamentalement, on n'est pas plus fous que les autres. Il n'y avait pas de raisons de douter de nous—mêmes, sauf qu'il fallait absolument travailler à remonter l'éducation. A partir de l'éducation, tout était possible.

M.D.f.: Vous avez donné une identité au peuple québécois. Croyez-vous qu'elle est aussi forte aujourd'hui?

R.L.: Elle est de plus en plus forte. En fait, le Québec, c'est un pays.

Les gens ne s'en rendent pas compte officiellement, mais le Québec français a toutes les caractéristiques d'un pays. Il manque juste les institutions, mais les institutions c'est secondaire, elles viendront après. Notre pays se fait tous les jours. L'identité... je n'ai pas d'inquiétude pour ça.

M.D.f.: Quels sont les problèmes politiques et socio-économiques qui attendent le Québec de demain?

R.L.: La question économique est fondamentale et fera toujours partie des grandes préoccupations d'un pays. Au fond de la question économique il y a un des graves problèmes qui est la modernisation. Le Québec se modernise depuis quelques années d'un façon assez exceptionnelle. On est entré dans la révolution technique, alors chaque fois qu'on crée de l'emploi, il faut qu'il soit plus moderne ce qui veut dire qu'il y a des jeunes qui ne sont pas équipés pour ça. On a donc des jeunes qui sont un peu laissés compte. Pour atteindre une mesure qu'on pourrait qualifier de plein-emploi c'est devenu plus compliqué. Et ça, c'est le grand défi qui attend les générations de demain:

comment se moderniser, demeurer compétitifs et réussir à employer tout le monde.

M.D.f.: Aux élections du Parti québécois en 76 on chantait «c'est le début d'un temps nouveau», Vigneault disait «je vous entends demain parler de liberté...» Vous, vous dites «demain n'était peut-être qu'une figure de style mais l'avenir dure longtemps...»

R.L.: Ce n'est pas une grosse trouvaille. Les juifs ont passé leur temps à dire «next year in Jerusalem». L'an prochain... on ne le sait pas. Et puis l'avenir, c'est vrai, dure longtemps. Le Québec se développe lentement, mais maintenant qu'il est réveillé, personne ne pourra plus l'endormir. finalement, le Québec va découvrir qu'il est un pays, un pays qui n'est pas le Canada.

Il était alors 3h15. Il nous avait pourtant fait promettre de le mettre dehors à 2h45. Nous avions tous oublié l'heure, mais nous étions certains d'une chose. C'est qu'elle finirait par arriver.

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Football

The Redmen laid to rest an 85-year old jinx by coming out of a 17-point halftime deficit to beat Queen's 27-24 Saturday. McGill's first home victory against the Golden Gaels since 1902 sends them to Lennoxville to play Bishop's in the first ever all-Québec OQIFC final this weekend. Defensive Player of the Game was Wayne McRae who had 4 unassisted and 6 assisted tackles against Queen's. Runningback Gerry Ifill ran for 122 yards on 14 carries and scored 2 touchdowns, including the game winner, to receive the Offensive Player of the Game award. Runningback Wally Sordo was Special Teams Player of the Game. Runningback Mike Soles

was back in action, running for 118 yards on 22 carries. The Molson Cup players of the month for October were also awarded last weekend. Offensive Player was 4 year veteran Brian Fuller, who had a 58 per cent completion rate in October, and threw for 839 yards. Defensive Player was Vincent Gagné who averaged over 6 tackles a game throughout the month. McGill won another Athlete of the Week award as Fuller's performance was rewarded by the QUAA Athlete of the Week award.

The Redmen travel to Bishop's on the tail of a 5 game winning streak, hoping to capture the OQIFC title against the Gaiters who presently sport a 9-0 season record. Game time is Saturday, November 7 at 13h00.

Hockey

The Redmen leave behind them two 1-goal losses over the weekend (4-3 to Concordia Friday and 3-2 to Ottawa Sunday) and look forward to a two-night homestand this Friday and Saturday. Tim Iannone, a Regina native, was named the Bauer-Hockey News Player of the Week after getting 4 goals and 1 assist against Queen's two weeks ago. He scored twice in the Concordia game, and once against Ottawa, and now leads

the OUAA with 9-4-13 in 4 games. This is Iannone's third award of the season.

The Redmen host the Ryerson Rams Friday November 6 at 19h30, and the Windsor Lancers November 7 at 19h00. McGill is playing Ontario teams following the demise of Québec's university hockey league. McGill now plays in the eastern division of the Ontario University Athletics Association.

Basketball

The Redmen started the weekend off strongly by soundly defeating RMC 117-40 on Friday (forward Paul Brousseau totalled 28 points), and then defeating Queen's 78-73 in overtime on Saturday. Guard David Steiner had 21 points in the game, and scored a remarkable 37 points on Sunday, but the Redmen lost that game 94-76 to Potsdam State. Two Redmen have been awarded QUAA Academic Excellence Scholarships, Physiology sophomore Adrian Bak from St. Catharines, and second year Anatomy student Bruce McElroy from Vernon, B.C.

The Martlets extended their winning streak to 7

games with 2 easy victories over the weekend. McGill outperformed Brandon 100-44 on Friday, with 19 points from Helene Cowan. Her 22 points, 16 from Mirjana Jurcic, and 15 from Mireille Beland helped the team to defeat Dalhousie 95-59 on Saturday. Julie Rousseau, a 20-year old Education freshman from Granby, Que., was awarded a QUAA Entry Scholarship.

The Martlets travel to Ottawa this weekend for the Carleton Invitational. They are slated to play Hawthorne College Friday, November 6 at 21h00, either Waterloo or Carleton Saturday, and the championship (or consolation) round on Sunday.

Soccer

The Redmen finished the QUAA season on a high with a 2-1 win over Sherbrooke on Wednesday. John Hayward scored his 10th goal in 10 games to capture the QUAA scoring title for the third consecutive time. Later in the week, the Redmen defeated the Vert et Or at home 2-1 in an overtime victory that advanced them to the QUAA final. Ilias Konstantopoulos scored the tying goal, while Jeremy Prupas shot the winner.

The Redmen play Concordia for the QUAA championship Sunday, November 8 at 13h00.

The Martlets registered another shutout (goalie Lauren Sergio's fourth of the season) against Concordia over the weekend. McGill's lone goal came from Naomi Hasegawa.

The Martlets meet the Sherbrooke Vert et Or next Sunday at the QUAA finals.

Swimming

The McGill swim team fared very well in their meet at Brock over the weekend. The men defeated Brock 80-30, winning a total of 11 of 13 events, while the women defeated Brock 64-49, winning 8 of 13 events. Greg Moeck set a new

McGill record in the 100 metre freestyle (53.1 seconds), as well as placing first in the 50m freestyle. Jason Meeuwig came first in the 200m freestyle, while Manon Venne, a CIAU gold-medal winner, placed first in the 100m freestyle, and the 200m I.M.

Rowing

Finishing off a year of fine performances, the McGill Rowing Club participated in the OUAA finals on the Henley course in St. Catharines this

weekend. McGill finished 2nd last with 2 points overall while powerful Western crews surged ahead of everyone and won the regatta.

Miscellaneous

Award nominees have been announced now that the football season is coming to an end. McGill's Bruno Pietrobon is the OQIFC nominee for the CIAU's Russ Jackson Trophy, which goes annually to the university football player who best combines athletic ability, academic excellence

and citizenship accomplishments. Pietrobon is 4th year Civil Engineering student from Ottawa, who holds both the Greville Smith Entrance Scholarship and the second-year Engineering Thomas Harrison Scholarship for 1986. He is past-president of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, and McGill's leading receiver.

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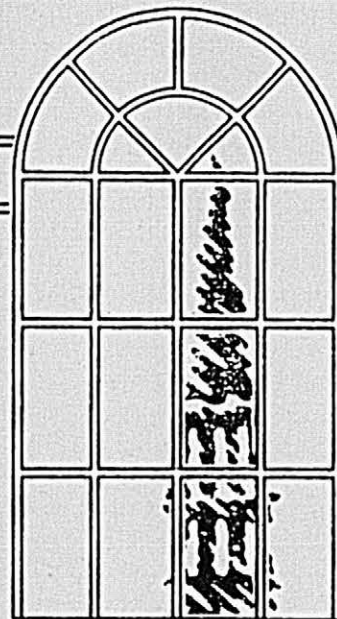
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En novembre '81, les militants du PQ décident en congrès de laisser tomber l'association dans le programme du parti et de faire de la souveraineté l'enjeu de la prochaine élection. On rejetait l'étapisme de '74 et on voulait reprendre une lutte sur des bases solides. Lévesque dit qu'il quittera si le parti ne modifie pas sa position. Tous les membres sont appelés à voter et montrent qu'ils ne veulent pas perdre leur leader.

La division règne et le PQ perd de ses plus ardents militants. En 1984, un René Lévesque vieilli dit que le PQ doit risquer de faire confiance au fédéralisme de l'après Trudeau. Des ministres dont Parizeau et Laurin claquent la porte.

Des rumeurs courent au PQ que Lévesque est fatigué physiquement et mentalement. Il laisse la direction le 20 juin '85.

Après sa démission, il publie ses mémoires (*Attendez que je me rappelle*) qui font un grand succès de librairie. Il retourne ensuite au journalisme à la radio et à la télévision. A quelques reprises, il donne son opinion sur l'avenir du Québec. Il dit assez clairement qu'il faut recommencer à parler d'indépendance (notamment devant les étudiants de l'université Laval) au moment où P.M. Johnson au PQ n'en a plus que pour l'affirmation nationale à l'intérieur du cadre constitutionnel du fédéralisme.

Même au-delà du débat des options politiques, P.M. Johnson est loin d'être à la hauteur du chef précédent. René Lévesque n'aimait pas la politacillerie, n'évitait pas les débats de fond. P.M. Johnson pratique une politique d'image, les Québécois ont du mal à s'habituer à la platitude de la politique depuis que Lévesque a quitté la scène. P.M. Johnson n'a pas cette sincérité, cette simplicité que Lévesque avait amenée dans le domaine politique.

En somme, René Lévesque est le géant des dernières 25 années de la vie politique du Québec. Un grand patriote et un homme près des intérêts du petit peuple. Il a écrit une page de l'histoire et donne le premier instrument qui peut mener notre peuple à l'autodétermination, la dignité. Personne ne nous fera plus jamais croire que nous sommes un sous-peuple, à la remorque des autres, incapable de s'affirmer. René Lévesque tourne la page et la prochaine page est blanche. Nous venons de perdre notre père, nous sommes angoissés, c'est normal.

René Lévesque était près du peuple, il l'aimait profondément et celui-ci le lui rendait.

René Lévesque n'est plus. Qui remplacera cet homme? Il nous faudra trouver d'autres moyens...

Jeudi, funérailles nationales. Oui, mais tous ces dignitaires, ces dorures et ces beaux habits, ça ne lui ressemble guère. C'est à ceux qui attendent sur le trottoir que sa mémoire appartient. C'est la foule anonyme des Québécois orphelins qui devra le porter en terre.

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Asked about the White Paper tabled this summer by the Tory government, Dyer said, "I don't believe some of the more ludicrous promises in it — it is never going to happen. It is a very large declaration of the wonderful things we are going to do about defence and how much we are going to spend. There is nothing in there that says where the money is coming from."

He was pleased that the emphasis had shifted to forces designed for the defence of Canada, which the nation would need if it were a neutral, but said "the rhetoric is NATO loyalist and if they really believe that, then they would be putting more resources into Europe and less into Canada."

Dyer also dismissed SDI as a viable defence alternative, calling it a "technological wet dream." He said, "I cannot invest one iota of belief in it. It is not going to work. The general concept will be dismantled sometime early in the next administration. Although some pernicious bits of it are probably unkillable."

"Reagan does care about not having a nuclear war. He is American and a patriot, and he does not want America destroyed in a nuclear war. In the first couple of years of his Administration, three times he went to appropriate U.S. government agencies, especially the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and asked for plans of nuclear disarmament. He never got a plan. They essentially ignored his requests. So, he was primed for a couple of high tech, high pressure salesmen to sell him the marvelous package of SDI, which they did in 1982."

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